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SUBJECT: WIC Final Policy Memorandum #2006-1  
Treatment of National Flood Insurance Program  
Payments in WIC Income Eligibility Determinations

TO: Regional Directors  
Supplemental Food Programs  
All Regions

The purpose of this policy memorandum is to advise WIC State agencies of new Federal legislation which impacts the treatment of payments under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in determining income eligibility for the WIC Program.

Public Law 109-64, enacted September 20, 2005, amends the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. It states that payments made under the NFIP for flood mitigation activities shall not be counted as income or resources of the owner of the property when determining eligibility for any Federal means-tested program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency awards grants to States and communities, which distribute the funds to individuals and businesses for activities that reduce the risk of repetitive flood damage. Therefore, in determining income eligibility for the WIC Program, State agencies must exclude payments received by property owners under NFIP.

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